



Pike River Rendezvous on Simmons Island August 3-5, 2018

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KENOSHA- The Pike River Rendezvous returns to Kenosha for its 21st annual event on August 3-5 as the Colonial through Western Fur Trade era of the 1650s through 1850s comes alive at Simmons Island. Highlights of the event include storytelling, musical entertainment and pirate battles, along with more than 300 reenactors adding to the atmosphere.

Access to Simmons Island will be limited to only non-motorized traffic on the park road to the beach (such as walking or bicycling through the park), beginning Wednesday, August 1 as set-up begins. No activities are scheduled Friday, August 3, but people are welcome to visit the site as reenactors set up camp. Vehicles will still be able to drive to the Kenosha Yacht Club and Kenosha History Center on Simmons Island.

A full schedule of entertainment is slated at the Rendezvous from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Sunday. Opening ceremonies take place at the flag pole at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Throughout the event, visitors will be able to go back in time to an era when American Indians and fur traders gathered to exchange goods and services and celebrate. Costumed reenactors will talk about what life was like during the fur-trading era, and will demonstrate the crafts and trades of the time. Food, snacks, and souvenirs will be available from vendors, and people are welcome to participate in games, create crafts, and try their hand at period household chores.

"Tent Talks" will return this year with reenactors sharing their knowledge about life during the fur-trading era in 15 minute presentations. Topics include the English military, wooden shoes, "outhouse manners" and pirate plunder. A complete schedule of all activities is available at all of the entrances

and at "The Laughing Fox Tavern."

The Pike River Rendezvous is located on Simmons Island (50th Street at Kenosha's Lakefront). Free parking is available at Kennedy Park (40th Street and Fifth Avenue). This family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

Saturday's schedule: Camp opens at 9 a.m.; knife & hawk contest for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.; Jill McCrae Horse Dressage at 10:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.; pirate battle at 11 a.m.; Col. Webb's Band of Musik and Heritage Dauncers 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; kid's games at 11:30 a.m.; Amazing Budabi Brothers Juggling 12:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.; Three Pints Gone, musical performance of period songs at 1 p.m.; Andre St. Pierre storytelling at 1:45 p.m.; Women's Games 2:30 p.m.; primitive archery at 3:15 p.m.; camp closes at 5 p.m.

Sunday's schedule: Camp opens with church service at 9 a.m.; Jill McCrae Horse Dressage at 10:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.; pirate battle at 11 a.m.; Col. Webb's Band of Musik 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Amazing Budabi Brothers Juggling at 12:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.; Three Pints Gone, musical performance of period songs at 1 p.m.; Andre St. Pierre storytelling at 1:45 p.m.; fire starting contest at 2 p.m.; camp closes at 4 p.m.